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E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN, JA
SUBJECT: US TARIFF REDUCTION REQUEST TO JAPAN ON WOOD
PRODUCTS

1. OUR RECOMMENDATIONS LAST WEEK CONCERNING ADDITIONAL
TARIFF CUTS WE SHOULD SEEK FROM JAPAN DID NOT INCLUDE
ITEMS IN WOOD PRODUCT SECTOR WHICH JAPAN NOTIFIED AS
AGRICULTURAL. WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL RECALL THAT THE
DAY BEFORE REQUESTS WERE DUE UNDER AGRICULTURE REQUEST/
OFFER PROCEDURE, GATT SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED NOTIFICATION
BY JAPAN THAT IT CONSIDERED WOOD PRODUCTS IN CCCN 44.01-
44.18 TO BE AGRICULTURAL ITEMS (MTN/AG/W/32). SINCE
THIS WAS TOO LATE FOR ANY PARTICIPANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
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IN FORMULATING REQUESTS TO JAPAN UNDER AG PROCEDURES, NO
ONE ASKED JAPAN FOR ANY TARIFF CUTS ON THESE PRODUCTS
AND, ACCORDINGLY, JAPAN MADE NO OFFERS. JAPAN'S INDUSTRI-
AL TARIFF OFFERS, OF COURSE, DO NOT COVER THESE ITEMS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND CANADA PLANS TO REQUEST TARIFF CUTS BY
JAPAN ON WOOD ITEMS VERY SHORTLY. CANADIAN METHODOLOGY

WILL BE TO REQUEST FINAL JAPANESE RATES COMPARABLE TO RATES U.S. COULD OFFER ON THE SAME PRODUCTS IF U.S. USED FULL TRADE ACT AUTHORITY, TO THE EXTENT PRESENT JAPANESE RATES ARE HIGHER THAN U.S. RATES ON COMPARABLE ITEMS. MANY OF THE ITEMS HAVE A STATUTORY FREE RATE BUT ARE NOT BOUND.

3. MTN DEL URGES CAREFUL STUDY OF INCLUSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY U.S. REQUESTS TO JAPAN ON WOOD PRODUCTS UNDER GROUP AGRICULTURE REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURE. U.S. EXPORT INTERESTS HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN CONCENTRATED IN ITEMS WHERE JAPANESE APPLIED RATES ARE DUTY-FREE. IT MAY BE RELATIVELY PAINLESS FOR JAPAN TO BIND THESE RATES AND ARGUE THAT THEY HAVE MADE A MAJOR CONCESSION IN THE AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. PARA 1 ABOVE WAS COMMUNICATED BY PHONE TO KRIST (COMMERCE) MARCH 9. CULBERT

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